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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-5 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of Group I, claims 1 and 6-8, in the reply filed on April 28, 2008 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)). All other claims are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a composition for the treatment of cardiovascular disease does not reasonably provide enablement for the prevention thereof. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. Applicant's have reasonable demonstrated/disclosed that the claimed composition is useful as a therapeutic agent for treating cardiovascular disease. However, the claims also encompass using the claimed composition for prevention of cardiovascular disease, which is clearly beyond the scope of the instantly disclosed/claimed invention. Please note that preventing cardiovascular disease

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requires a higher standard for enablement than does treating the disease, especially since it is notoriously well accepted in the medical art that the vast number majority of afflictions/disorders suffered by mankind cannot be prevented with current therapies, including those involving cardiovascular disease. Applicant is invited to show support to obviate this rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harrison et al., (Phytochemistry, Vol. 26, No. 4, 1987, pp. 1211-1212).

The claims are drawn to a composition for the treatment of cardiovascular disease containing any one of compounds represented by the following formula 1 to formula 5 disclosed in the instant claim 6.

The reference of Harrison et al anticipates the claim the claims by disclosing an extract from the leaf of *Torreya nucifera* in which a diterpenoid compound which has been isolated. The diterpenoid compound is represented by the formula in Table 1; wherein the "R1" group is a methyl, as instantly claimed (see page 1211, Table 1, experimental section, e.g.). Please note, that the cited art of Harrison would be capable of performing the intended use (i.e. treating of cardiovascular disease) because there is not a structural difference between the reference composition and the instantly claimed invention.

Therefore, the cited reference is deemed to anticipate the invention defined by the cited claims.

Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Flores et al., (Bol. Soc. Chil. Quim. Vol. 46, No. 1, March 2001).

The claim is drawn to a composition for the treatment of cardiovascular disease containing any one of the compounds represented by the following formula 1 to formula 5, disclosed in the instant claim 6, wherein (R can be a methyl, hydroxymethyl, aldehyde, methylester).

The reference of Flores et al. anticipates the instant claims by disclosing a methanolic composition formed from the bark of Prumnopytis andina that contains a ferruginol compound -represented by structure 2, in Figure 1; wherein the "R" position is a methyl group, as instantly claimed. Please note, that the cited art of Flores would be capable of performing the intended use (i.e. treating of cardiovascular disease) because there is not a structural difference between the reference composition and the instantly claimed invention.

Therefore, the cited reference is deemed to anticipate the invention defined by the cited claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 1 is allowable. The prior art neither teaches nor suggest an abietane diterpenoid compound wherein R is dimethoxymethyl) - as defined by instant claim 1.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DEBORAH A. DAVIS whose telephone number is (571)272-0818. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terry McKelvey can be reached on (571) 272-0775. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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